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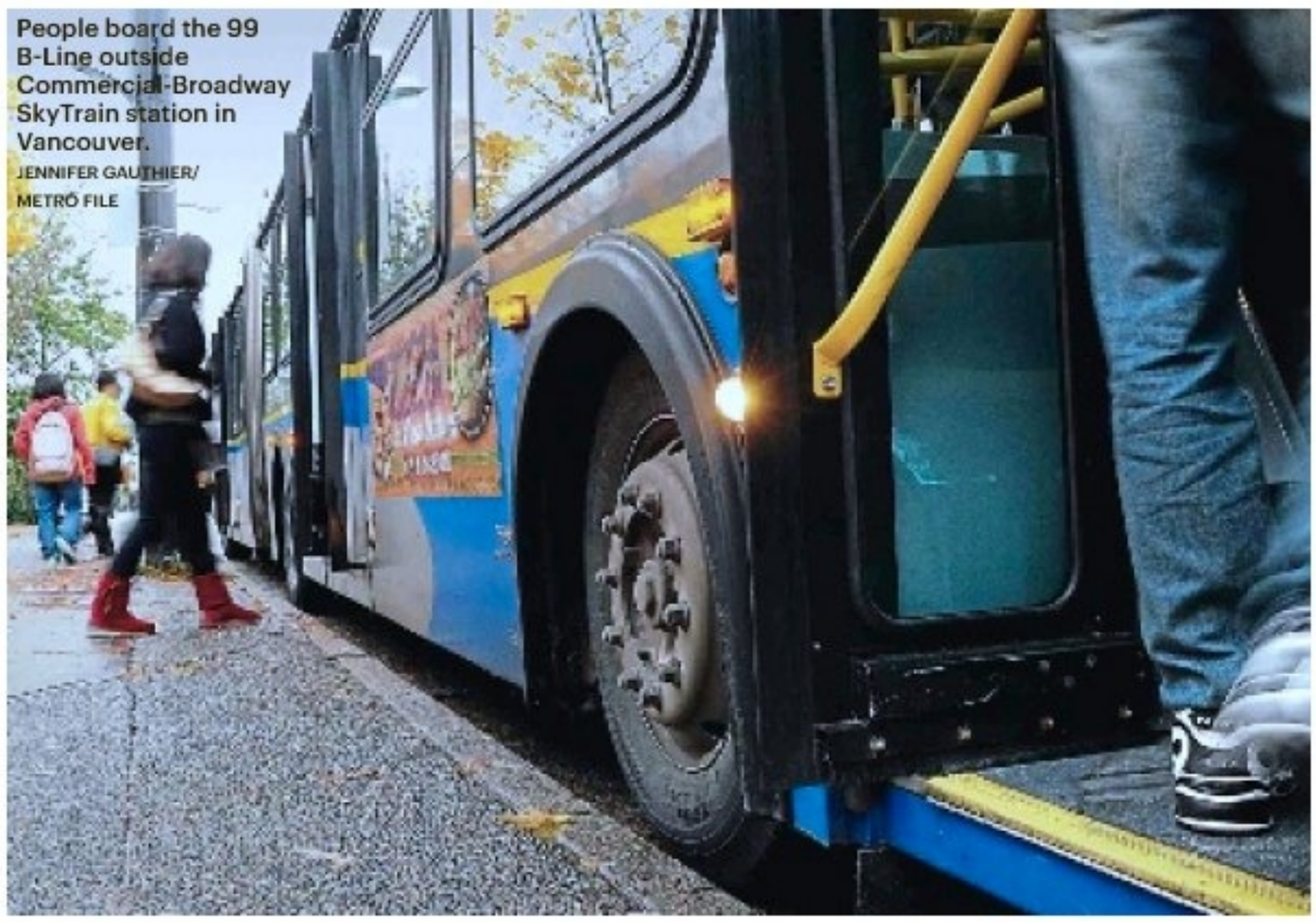

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Provincial election casts large question mark over region's transportation planning **metroNEWS**

Unregulated dams report is damning

NORTHERN B.C.

Gas industry may have built hundreds, think-tank says

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Edmonton

There could be hundreds of unauthorized dams being operated by gas companies in northern British Columbia, according to a new report from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

The left-leaning think tank released a report Tuesday morning alleging Petronas-owned Progress Energy built and operated at least 16 dams for its fracking operations — some as far back as 2012 — without approval from either the Environmental Assessment Office or the B.C. Oil and Gas Commission. Progress Energy applied for 13 water licenses for dams it had already built on Dec. 23, 2016.

"We have evidence now that numerous dams, in some cases very large dams, were built under the government's watch without anything being done about it," report author Ben Parfitt told Metro. "Either provincial government personnel were aware these structures were being built without proper authorizations (and ignored them) or they were unaware that these structures were being built. In either case, it doesn't look very good."

The CCPA report quotes Jim Mattison, the B.C.'s former comptroller of water rights, as saying there could be "200 or more" such facilities operating in the province. "It certainly seems to indicate there's been a very significant breakdown in government regulation of the industry," Parfitt said.

Progress Energy provided Metro with a statement denying any of its dams have ever operated outside the law.

"Prior to 2016, Progress constructed 29 small-scale dams to store freshwater for use in its operations, all of which followed the requirements as defined by the B.C. Oil and Gas Commission," the statement from Progress Energy spokesperson David Sterna reads. "In 2016, the B.C. government enacted the Water Sustainability Act and corresponding regulations that included small-scale structures previously constructed by the oil and gas industry, which did not require long-term water licences."

Because of the provincial election, neither the Ministry of Environment nor the B.C. Oil and Gas Commission were able to comment on whether the dams are operating legally or not.

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Rent The Chicken is a business based in the U.S. that rents out chickens and coops from May to October. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shell out for rental hens

FOOD

Service billed as easy, ethical source of eggs

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

Knowing exactly where your food comes from can be tough for a city dweller, but one chicken-rental service aims to do just that for eggs with a six-month all-inclusive hen package.

"We say it's for the commitmentphobic farmer," said Marie McGivern, a homesteader who raises and delivers hens for the program, called Rent The Chicken.

The U.S.-based program arrived in B.C. last year and is offering chickens to residents in the Lower Mainland this spring for the first time.

The standard $965 package includes three egg-laying hens, a mobile coop and enough feed for six months. The hens are sent back to McGivern's farm in Kamloops for the winter, when temperatures drop and they don't produce as many eggs.

It's a no-fuss way of ensuring you have a fresh supply of ethical eggs everyday, she said. Each hen lays an average of one egg a day.

258
Number of households with registered chickens in Vancouver

"People are trying to stay connected with their food and they're trying to make ethical choices, and this is one of the things that makes it easy to do," she said.

Hen care is minimal — they only need to be fed once a day, but many renters go far beyond that, said McGivern.

"(The chickens) do get very attached to their renters. They come when they're called, they eat treats out of your hand."

They also act as a kind of pest-control, eating bugs in the yard if people let them out regularly, she said.

The program is not for everyone but is proving to be more popular than McGivern expected. They built five coops in preparation for the program's launch in the Okanagan last spring but received 11 orders. This year, they have received 18 orders so far, four of which came from people in the Lower Mainland.

The City of Vancouver allows residents to keep up to four hens in their yards, and keepers are required to register them at no cost with the city.

Raising hens can be tricky because they only lay eggs productively (at least one per day) for about three years, according to McGivern. Chickens can live for more than 10 years. Renting for half a year presents a new option, she said.

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Researcher maps rising rate of coral bleaching

UBC researchers have mapped out coral bleaching events in the world's tropics, an important contribution in the effort to save coral reefs.

In order to create that map, geography professor Simon Donner took 25 years of data (1985-2010) and found the rate of bleaching was about seven times greater in the 2000s compared to the 1990s.

"We took the raw data and interpolated the data to say across the tropics each year, what is the probability that bleaching occurred," he said.

"What's clear is every country in the world that has coral reefs has experienced the bleaching in our data set."

Bleaching occurs when ocean temperatures rise one to two degrees higher than the normal maximum summer temperature. Coral reefs can recover from heat waves, but if bleaching happens too often, they die, said Donner.

He and his team are working on mapping out data from the last several years, but scientists already know it's not a pretty picture.

"We know that there is even more (bleaching) in this decade," he said.

Coral reefs are a key resource for countries in the tropics, attracting tourists every year and providing homes for a myriad of marine life.

Reefs also act as storm barriers, protecting entire islands and communities from rising ocean levels and extreme weather patterns.

Because bleaching is an event that coral can recover from, it's difficult to pinpoint exactly how much of it has experienced bleaching in recent years, said Donner.

A commonly cited statistic is that half the world's coral has died in the past 30 years. Donner says it's an approximate number and that his research aims to improve the accuracy of that estimate.

He hopes his new database, which includes 79 per cent more reports than the old database, will encourage more scientists to offer their research. That information could help scientists predict where bleaching events will occur next and, hopefully, do something to save the world's coral reefs, he said.

"The planet would not be the same place without them."

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UBC researchers use a measuring tape to take note of coral diversity and size.
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FALSE CREEK

Vancouver approves water quality pilot program

City councillors approved a staff plan Tuesday that will see a mobile pump-out service hit the waters of False Creek this summer to prevent the dumping of raw sewage from boats.

The city has been grappling with E. coli-related water-quality issues at the creek for several years.

Under the plan, the city will hire a specialized boat to make the rounds and provide a sewage pump-out service to boaters who find existing facilities inadequate.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

INVESTIGATION

Man killed in apparent care-home altercation

Police have confirmed the death of a elderly man at a Vancouver care facility, following an altercation with another male patient.

RCMP Cpl. Meghan Foster said the incident happened on April 26 at the Purdy Pavilion next to the University of British Columbia Hospital.

It's not immediately known if charges will be recommended. Vancouver Coastal Health staff said most residents at the facility have cognitive impairments.

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WHITE ROCK

Stabbing was targeted, according to police

A 24-year-old man was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries after police responded to a call about a fight in White Rock.

The RCMP said officers found the man Monday suffering from head injuries and bleeding from a deep laceration to his arm.

Const. Chantal Sears said in a news release that the assault was targeted. Investigators are looking for two male suspects known to the victim, she said.

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TRANS MOUNTAIN

First Nation fights pipeline with selfies

A Vancouver-area First Nation is turning to the power of social media to battle the proposed expansion of Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline.

The Tsleil-Waututh Nation set up a billboard near downtown Vancouver and hopes opponents of the pipeline expansion will use it as a backdrop.

The billboard proclaims "I'm Another Voter Against the Pipeline."

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BC Votes 2017

On the campaign trail with: Sam Sullivan

While party leaders square off during the final days of B.C.'s election campaign, Metro goes local with three Vancouver candidates who are campaigning in their communities. For these candidates, it's a contest fought one voter at a time on street corners, front doors, apartment lobbies and community events. We take a look at the issues important to residents of these neighbourhoods and the candidates vying to represent them. **DAVID P. BALL** METRO

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Sam Sullivan (left) and his campaign manager Julian Prieto Jara uses dog treats to lure potential voters like Marlo Firme (right). INSET: Sam Sullivan sets out to campaign from the building housing his Yaletown campaign office. DAVID P. BALL/METRO

Roll up to a Yaletown condominium tower entrance.

Wait outside until a resident approaches and politely smile.

Offer a dog biscuit if there's a canine (there usually is). Sometimes, humans get pizza.

It's a routine former Vancouver mayor Sam Sullivan knows well as he embarks on his second provincial election campaign in Vancouver-False Creek — an extremely dense urban riding full of newer glass apartment towers and constituents with little time or interest to stop and chat.

Without a buzzer code or contact, Sullivan is using every means available to get access to those building lobbies.

A woman approaches, he introduces himself and when she speaks he switches to Cantonese and she smiles, exchanges greetings, and gestures to the door, opening and holding for him to roll his electric wheelchair inside.

The 57-year-old, paralyzed in a teenage ski accident, is instantly recognizable to most people he encounters. One passerby shouts approvingly, "I want you back, to get the other guy out!" — a reference to current Vision Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson.

Sullivan, now a one-term Liberal MLA, smirks but changes the conversation to his provincial run.

Does being a former mayor help or hurt him?

"I think it helps me," he said. "There's a saying that memories are like wine; they grow better with age. "People can't remember if they hated me or liked me, they just remember me."

A man emerges from the elevator with two dogs, and Sullivan reaches for a dog treat. The pair rush towards him in a blur as he strikes up a conversation with an undecided voter, Marlo Firme.

When Firme reveals his family came from the Philippines, Sullivan — who practices one or two phrases in a different language every day — switches for 30 seconds of back-and-forth in Tagalog.

"Any big issues?" Sullivan asked in English.

"Climate change," Firme replied. "I'm really big on carbon pricing and I want all of Canada to adopt something like what B.C. has."

Sullivan replied he's proud of that policy, instituted by former premier Gordon Campbell. But this election, the B.C. Liberals have come under fire from climate campaigners for promising a freeze on the tax. That's where the conversation goes next.

Firme urges Sullivan to "do whatever it takes" to see the tax increased.

"We'll have to be encouraging of my colleagues," Sullivan suggests.

Vancouver-False Creek is a riding he handily won in the 2013 election, with 52 per cent of vote — 15 point ahead of rookie NDP candidate Matt Toner.

This time, he's again running against Morgane Oger, one of the province's most prominent education advocates and a pioneering LGBTQ rights crusader.

Rather than convert voters who have already made up their minds, Sullivan looks to shore up support in the riding.

"There are people you can spend a lot of time with and they might vote for you, but at this time we are not really looking for anything other than our voters who are already predisposed they just have to be reminded when the election is."

HOW TO VOTE

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TRADE

Clark wants U.S. coal hit with carbon tax

B.C. Liberal Leader Christy Clark appears to be betting that the simmering softwood dispute with the United States is fertile ground for votes as she increased the pressure in the trade spat Tuesday, promising a hefty carbon tax on U.S. thermal coal.

Clark said she would tax the coal that's shipped through the province's ports to make it uncompetitive and defend workers from the policies of U.S. President Donald Trump.

"Now is the right time to do it, the right time to send a strong message to the Trump administration and U.S. lumber barons that we will not back down in the face of their aggressive attacks on workers here in British Columbia," said Clark, who has pushed hard on the issue in the latter stages of the provincial election campaign.

If the federal government doesn't act on her request to ban the coal, she said the Liberals would develop regulations that impose a carbon price of about $70 per tonne if they are re-elected in the May 9 election.

"The levy would make thermal coal shipped through British Columbia utterly uncompetitive in the global market," she said while campaigning in Merritt.

The plan escalates a threat she first made last week after the American's imposed an average duty of 20 per cent on Canadian softwood lumber.

The coal moves through B.C. ports to be shipped to China, but Clark says it's among the dirtiest and most carbon-intense methods to generate power and heat.

About 6.6 million tonnes of thermal coal was exported through B.C. ports last year, 94 per cent of that came from the United States.

NDP Leader John Horgan said that if Clark was serious about thermal coal she could have done something about it years ago, accusing her of only reacting now because of the election.

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B.C. Liberal candidates Steve Darling, left, and Gabe Garfinkel, right, flank first-time homebuyer Lucas Mitchell at Garfinkel's Vancouver-Fraserview campaign office on Tuesday. CONTRIBUTED

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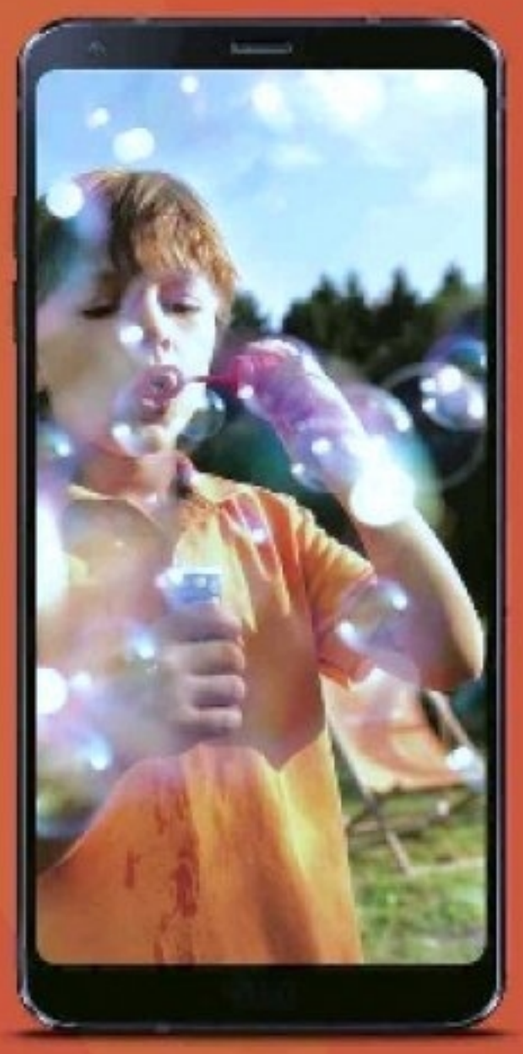

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Couple gets condo dream

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Liberals say loan program will help tackle housing issues

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Economists have warned an interest-free, taxpayer-funded home loan program could push real estate prices up further — but the B.C. Liberals say the loan for first-time homeowners is helping people get into the housing market and free up rental.

Lucas Mitchell, a 34-year-old management consultant who lives in Vancouver, says he applied for the program as soon as it became available in February.

"The place we're getting is a little bit more than the place we were living and we have more certainty," Mitchell said.

Mitchell and his partner, Karen Johnson, had thought about buying for some time but didn't feel they were able to get into the market, and the down payment loan made that dream seem more attainable.

The loan is available only to first-time buyers who make less than $150,000 a year and only for homes worth $750,000 or less. Homeowners must start paying the government back in five years and go through an application process that tests their ability to afford their mortgage.

Mitchell and Johnson were renting a 600-square-foot one bedroom for $1,500 at Broadway and Fraser. They bought a $650,000 one-bedroom condo plus den, totalling 900 square feet, in a 1980s-era building near Granville Island. They now pay a little under $3,000 a month in mortgage payment and strata fees.

Mitchell and Johnson used the full amount available under the HOME loan program — $37,500 — and contributed a matching amount from their own money and some help from their parents, to make up an 11 per cent down payment.

Since Johnson, an environmental consultant, is working four days a week and studying for a master's degree, the payments are "right at the edge of our affordability right now," Mitchell said. But with stable careers and a lot of research, the couple felt comfortable taking the big financial step.

Mitchell spoke to Metro from the campaign office of Gabe Garfinkel, B.C. Liberal candidate for Vancouver-Fairview. Garfinkel said he wanted to get the word out that the B.C. Liberals are serious about tackling housing affordability.

Economists like Tom Davidoff, a professor at the University of British Columbia, are concerned the HOME loan program will raise prices in a market where supply already struggles to meet demand.

"It encourages you to spend more, because the more you spend on a place — up to $750,000 — the bigger the benefit," he said. "You're encouraging people to pay more for a given property, so a lot of the benefit goes to sellers rather than buyers."

Referendum threat in the air

METRO VANCOUVER

Transit plans hinge on B.C. election results

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

TransLink's CEO had good news and bad news for Vancouver city council on May 2.

On the good news side: Ridership, which rose 4.5 per cent in 2016, continued to grow by 5.1 per cent in the first quarter of 2017 (that compares to flat or declining ridership between 2013 and 2015).

And with three levels of government reaching consensus on funding an initial phase of a transit expansion plan for the region, the transit authority is planning improvements to several East-West Vancouver bus routes, and new B-lines for Vancouver's 41st Avenue and Richmond to Metrotown.

If all goes to plan, TransLink plans to break ground on Vancouver's Broadway Corridor subway expansion and the first part of Surrey's light rail line in fall of 2019.

But Desmond also warned that much depends on the outcome of the provincial election.

That's because, even though the federal government and province have recently committed $2.2 billion each to a suite of Metro Vancouver transportation improvements, the municipalities will still face a funding gap to come up with their share of the funds. Desmond said TransLink won't know how big the gap will be until the business cases for the Pattullo Bridge replacement and rail projects are completed next fall.

If the B.C. Liberals are re-elected, another lengthy transit referendum could be in the region's future. The Liberals recently affirmed their commitment to the referendum requirement if the mayors want to levy a new tax or fee to pay for transit.

The SkyTrain makes its way between Main Street and Stadium stations. The B.C. Liberals recently affirmed their commitment to the referendum requirement if the region's mayors want to levy a new tax or fee to pay for transit. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

A 2014 referendum on a proposed 0.5 per cent regional sales tax failed.

The mayors and TransLink's board have currently identified four sources of funding for Phase 1 of a total $7.5-billion expansion plan: a fare increase, a property tax increase, the sale of the Oakridge transit centre and a development cost charge.

The development cost charge is the only new revenue source, although Desmond could not say for sure whether the proposal would trigger a referendum. It's still to be determined what the development cost charge would look like: whether it would apply region-wide, or only to new development along transit corridors. But TransLink would need the province to change legislation in order to allow the new charge.

"That's the top of our agenda with whatever government is formed," Desmond said.

Desmond also warned that tolling a new Pattullo Bridge would be a key part of municipal government's contribution to the project. The B.C. Liberals and B.C. NDP have promised to either cap or eliminate tolls on the Port Mann and Golden Ears bridges.

Metro Vancouver mayors have been running a political campaign around transit. The mayors say that NDP have checked off more of their asks than the Greens or Liberals, including more funding for HandyDART and committing to fund a third of the cost of replacing the aging Pattullo Bridge.

Site C Dam

Dam unnecessary.

There is no current demand for the electricity that would be generated by the Site C mega-dam. BC Hydro's own data doesn't project any demand for at least 10 years into the dam's operating life. By 'eating up' any possible future demand, Site C will drive away investment and jobs in the solar, wind, and geothermal sectors.

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'Hulk Horgan' diss doesn't boost Clark

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New poll shows just 1 in 5 women back premier

David P. Ball
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The Liberals have criticized NDP leader John Horgan as a "mansplaining" sexist. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The B.C. Liberals' attempts last week to paint B.C. New Democrat leader John Horgan as a "mansplaining" sexist — with Premier Christy Clark's war room beginning to refer to him as "Hulk Horgan" over his aggressive debate style — failed to boost Clark's already flagging popularity among the province's women.

That's according to a new poll heading into the final week before the May 9 election, by Forum Research and obtained by Metro.

It found that just 23 per cent of women polled approved of Clark's performance (up a mere three points from early April results), compared to 32 per cent of men. But her disapproval ratings were similarly split, with 65 per cent of B.C. women disapproving her, six points higher than her male supporters and the same as in early April.

"There is a gender gap," said Forum president Lorne Bozinoff in a phone interview. "The Liberals are really trailing among women … in fact, the NDP with a male leader are doing much better. The gender gap works in the opposition direction from what you'd normally find."

Clark's filmed interaction with retired social worker Linda Higgins this weekend — which sparked a Twitter hashtag #IamLinda and false Liberal allegations that Higgins was an NDP "plant" sent to disrupt — may not have helped.

But if there was any impact of the B.C. Liberals' "Hulk Horgan" rhetoric, it's that he gained more women supporters and detractors alike. Horgan had no gender gap among backers, but a six-point gap among his critics — 31 per cent of women disapproved Horgan. That was a significant spike since early April, before the debates, when he had just 19 per cent disapproval among B.C. women.

But with women voters apparently still not sold on Clark, and only days left before election day on Tuesday, Bozinoff suggests that simply knocking Horgan down a few pegs isn't enough to woo women province-wide into her court.

"They need to target their last few days here to women," he advised, "and position themselves with positions and platforms they can come with in the next few years that impact women."

Forum's poll randomly surveyed 1,067 voters across B.C. from Apr. 28-29 using automated phone-based Interactive Voice Response. It had a margin of error of three per cent, 19 times out of 20.

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Investigators on scene of boat sinking

The Transportation Safety Board of Canada says it has sent investigators to assess the fatal sinking of a fishing vessel off the coast of British Columbia.

The board says its team of investigators will also gather information about the sinking Sunday of the fishing vessel Catatonic.

Two Alberta men died when the sport-fishing vessel with five people aboard took on water and overturned off the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Mounties said the men were 32 and 42 years old, but their names and hometowns have yet be released.

The RCMP is investigating the capsizing of the 8.4-metre vessel in waters northwest of Bartlett Island near Tofino, a popular tourist community on the central west coast of Vancouver Island.

The Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Victoria said it received a distress call from someone on the boat on Sunday at about 1:20 p.m. Coast guard rescue boats, a Royal Canadian Air Forces helicopter and a plane from Canadian Forces Base Comox were all dispatched.

A commercial float plane spotted the people in the water and directed rescuers to the location.

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Corey Fleischer, the owner of a Montreal power washing company, is hoping to expand what he calls his 'Erasing Hate' movement. ALLAN WOODS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cleaning up the hate

WAGE LOVE!

Montreal man makes his life's work removing hate graffiti

Corey Fleischer was driving between jobs in a truck that holds his power-washing tools and various jugs of chemicals when he spotted two swastikas and the letters 'KKK' spray-painted along the side of a Montreal fruit company's delivery van.

Others in his situation might have driven on, if they had even noticed the graffiti at all. He had done just that for most of his life.

But on this day, more than two years ago, Fleischer pulled over and asked if he could remove the offensive symbols, which had appeared a few weeks earlier. The owner was reluctant and said he would do it himself — but later.

Fleischer wasn't happy.

"I took my truck and barricaded him in. I said 'Now you're going nowhere,'" he recounted.

Fleischer explained to the driver that what he was about to do was free-of-charge. Ten minutes later, the graffiti was gone.

On Dec. 5, 2014, he posted the before-and-after pictures of the van to his Instagram accounts. More significantly, it was one of the first times he had gone public with his growing obsession.

Since then, he estimates having erased many hundreds of markings. Now he says he is hoping to expand what he calls his "Erasing Hate" movement to Toronto by taking in reports of hateful graffiti in Canada's largest city and ensuring one way or another that it is removed promptly.

What drives Fleischer? He is Jewish, but not particularly religious. He pursued a Women's Studies degree at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ont., but admits his real passion was playing varsity hockey.

But he does seem to have a singular sense of outrage when people are picked on or singled out for their faith, sexuality or skin colour. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CONTROVERSY

Sajjan pulls out of fundraiser for veterans

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan on Tuesday bowed out of an annual fundraising event originally set up for veterans of the war in Afghanistan, an event whose main beneficiaries include military personnel returning from combat.

He is pressing ahead with a major speech on Wednesday to industry and military experts that is expected to address the Liberals' much-anticipated defence policy.

The embattled minister had been scheduled to speak at the 8th annual "To the 'Stan and Back" event at Ottawa City Hall on Tuesday. But founder Cheri Elliott said she was told at the last minute that a scheduling conflict had arisen and he would not be able to attend.

"The official reason for his not being able to attend is he was asked to be elsewhere at the time. That is what I was told," said Elliott, who is the mother of a serving Canadian Forces member. The minister's office would not reveal the nature of the scheduling conflict.

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SENATE

Committee calls for Meredith to be expelled

Disgraced Sen. Don Meredith should be expelled from Canada's upper chamber for his sexual affair with a teenage girl, which constitutes "one of the most egregious breaches" of a senator's role and the public trust, according to a report tabled Tuesday.

The Senate's ethics committee made the possibly precedent-setting ruling after its sixth meeting on Meredith's affair earlier Tuesday.

"He has abused his privileged position of authority and trust by engaging in behaviour that is incompatible with his office," the report reads.

"He has brought disrepute to himself and the institution."

The report says that, in making its recommendation, it only ever considered suspending or expelling Meredith, a married Pentecostal pastor from Richmond Hill.

Meredith's lawyer argued that he should be suspended from the Senate without pay for one to two years. But the ethics committee disagreed; the report slams Meredith for his "indifferent attitude" toward the Senate's investigation into the affair, which was exposed by the Star in 2015.

Only after the upper chamber's ethics officer found Meredith used his position to "lure or attract" the teenage girl into a sexual relationship did the senator acknowledge his "moral failings," the report says.

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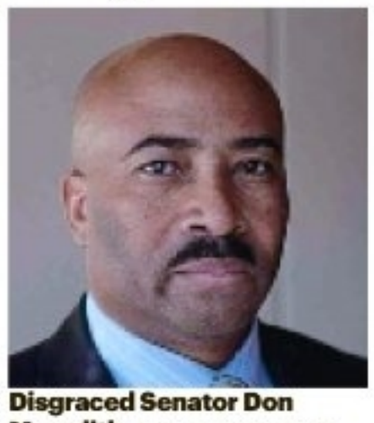

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Clinton says sexism played a role in loss

POLITICS

Nominee also blames Russia, FBI — and herself — for failed run

Hillary Clinton said Tuesday that she's taking responsibility for her 2016 election loss but believes misogyny, Russian interference and questionable decisions by the FBI also influenced the outcome.

The former Democratic presidential nominee offered extensive comments about the election during the Women for Women International's annual luncheon in New York. Clinton said she's been going through the "painful" process of reliving the 2016 contest while writing a book.

"It wasn't a perfect campaign. There is no such thing," Clinton said in a question-and-answer-session with CNN's Christiane Amanpour. "But I was on the way to winning until a combination of (FBI Director) Jim Comey's letter on Oct. 28 and Russian WikiLeaks raised doubts in the minds of people who were inclined to vote for me but got scared off."

She reminded the enthusiastic audience packed with women that she ultimately earned 3 million more votes than President Donald Trump.

"If the election were on Oct. 27, I would be your president," Clinton said.

She also highlighted Russia's role in hacking into her campaign's internal emails and subsequently co-ordinating their release on WikiLeaks. U.S. intelligence agencies are investigating whether Russia co-ordinated with Trump associates to influence the election.

Amanpour also asked Clinton whether she was a victim of misogyny.

"Yes, I do think it played a role," she said, adding that misogyny is "very much a part of the landscape politically, socially and economically."

After two unsuccessful presidential campaigns, Clinton is not expected to run for public office again.

"I'm now back to being an active citizen," she said.

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Hillary Clinton speaks at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City on April 6. GETTY IMAGES

EU trade deal to net 'modest' gains

EXPORTS

United States still the biggest market, budget watchdog says

Canada's free-trade pact with Europe is poised to produce "modest" economic gains that work out to an average annual income boost of $220 per Canadian, the federal budget watchdog says in a new report.

The parliamentary budget officer released a study Tuesday that estimates the trade deal would have lifted Canada's overall economic output in 2015 by 0.4 per cent or $7.9 billion, had it been implemented at the time.

Canadian exports of goods to the EU would have increased $4 billion, services would have been up $2.2 billion and investment would have grown by $3.1 billion, the analysis found.

But the report did put the overall projected improvement into perspective by noting that Canada boasts a $2-trillion economy.

"CETA will lead to some gains for Canada, but they will be modest," the report said, referring to the deal's full name: the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement.

Sectors including transport and motor vehicles, some metals and wheat will likely grow more quickly, the budget office predicted.

"With the signing of CETA, questions arise concerning the magnitude of the benefits and impacts, as well as how they will be distributed," said the report by Jean-Denis Frechette's office. "Liberalizing trade is intended to bring benefits through greater specialization ... but the impact on sectors could be uneven."

Frechette's office predicted that strengthening business ties with the EU will make Canadians a little less dependent on their existing trade partners.

It predicted Canada's annual exports to the U.S. could decline by 0.4 per cent or $1.4 billion, while exports to the rest of the world could fall by 0.7 per cent or about $384 million. Last year, Canada exported about $39.8 billion worth of merchandise to the EU, making it Canada's second-largest export destination, the report said. In comparison, Canadian merchandise exports to China were about $21 billion.

"But this is still only a tenth of the exports that go to the United States," the PBO said.

"Canada's sales of oil and gas to the United States alone are worth more than all the goods and services it sells to the EU."

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Budget watchdog Jean-Denis Frechette at a House of Commons Finance committee on April 19, 2016. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TRUMP TRADE

Lumber set to get costlier

Tembec Inc. says it expects a portion of the duties being imposed by the Trump administration on imported Canadian softwood will be passed on to its customers.

The Montreal-based forestry company says it's in good financial position despite being hit by a preliminary 19.88 per cent duty on its softwood shipments to the United States that took effect on Monday.

Tembec says it intends to vigorously defend itself against the U.S. duties, but it anticipates the duties will mean higher lumber prices for customers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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GOVERNMENT

Trump tweets he wants to shut it all down

President Donald Trump declared Tuesday the U.S. government "needs a good shutdown" this fall to fix a "mess" in the Senate, signalling on Twitter his displeasure with a bill to keep operations running. But Republican leaders and Trump himself also praised the stopgap measure as a major accomplishment and a sign of his masterful negotiating with Democrats.

On the defensive, Trump and his allies issued a flurry of contradictory statements ahead of key votes in Congress on a $1.1 trillion spending bill to keep the government at full speed through September. After advocating for a future shutdown, the president hailed the budget agreement as a boost for the military, border security and other top priorities.

"This is what winning looks like," Trump said during a ceremony honouring the Air Force Academy football team. "Our Republican team had its own victory - under the radar," Trump said, calling the bill "a clear win for the American people." Late in the day, the White House said he would indeed sign the bill.

Yet Trump's morning tweets hardly signalled a win and came after Democrats gleefully claimed victory in denying him much of his wish list despite being the minority party. They sounded a note of defeat, blaming Senate rules for a budget plan that merited closing most government operations.

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President Donald Trump speaks at the Commander-in-Chief trophy ceremony Monday in Washington. MANDEL NGAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

NEW JERSEY

After 600 years, tree to become furniture

Remnants of a 600-year-old white oak tree in New Jersey that was believed to be among the oldest in the nation will become furniture.

The trunk and limbs removed last week from the grounds of the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church in Bernards were delivered Tuesday to Pollaro Custom Furniture in Hillside.

News 12 New Jersey (http://bit.ly/2pDN4UU) reports the company will transform the wood into altar tables for the church and meeting tables for Bernards town hall.

The tree weighed 116,000 pounds and took two days to take down after it began showing rot and weakness during the last couple of years.

Officials say Gen. George Washington held a picnic near the tree with Marquis de Lafayette.Another white oak cultivated from the old tree's acorns was recently planted at the church.

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A branch is removed from a 600-year-old tree. AP

VENEZUELA

Unrest spreads in streets of Caracas

People blocked streets in Caracas with broken concrete, twisted metal and flaming piles of trash Tuesday to protest the socialist president's bid to rewrite the constitution amid a rapidly escalating political crisis.

President Nicolas Maduro signed a decree Monday to begin the process of rewriting the charter. Opposition leaders called the planned constitutional assembly a ploy to put off regional elections scheduled for this year and a presidential election that was to be held in 2018.

Polling suggests the socialists would lose both those elections badly at a time of widespread anger over triple-digit inflation and shortages of food and other goods.

On Tuesday, the opposition-majority congress officially rejected Maduro's move to call a constitutional congress, saying the idea should first be put to a vote of Venezuelans. It was a symbolic gesture because the legislative body has no power to block a constitutional assembly.

The president was vague about how members of the assembly would be chosen. He hinted some would selected by voters, but many observers expect the selection process to favour the socialists.

Speaking hours after yet another big anti-government march ended in rock throwing and tear gas Monday, Maduro said a new constitution is needed to restore peace.

"This will be a citizens' assembly made up of workers," he said. "The day has come brothers. Don't fail me now."

"I am no Mussolini," he added.

If the constitutional process goes forward, opposition leaders will need to focus on getting at least some sympathetic figures included in the assembly. That could distract them from organizing the near-daily street protests that have kept up for four weeks, political analyst Luis Vicente Leon said.

"It's a way of calling elections that uses up energy but does not carry risk, because it's not a universal, direct and secret vote," Leon said. "And it has the effect of pushing out the possibility of elections this year and probably next year as well."

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CONSTITUTION

- Venezuela's constitution was last rewritten in 1999, early in the 14-year presidency of the late Hugo Chavez, who launched a socialist revolution in the oil-exporting nation.
- Chavez carried a blue pocket-sized version of his new constitution, and would often whip it out and say, "This is our Bible. After the Bible, this."

SOMALIA

Number of hungry children on the rise

The United Nations children's agency says it has treated more than 56,000 severely malnourished children in Somalia so far this year, an increase of almost 90 per cent over last year.

UNICEF spokeswoman Marixie Mercado said Tuesday the agency has no estimates on the possible death toll as the Horn of Africa country faces widespread drought.

UNICEF pointed to the "triple threat of drought, disease and displacement" facing children in Somalia.

Around 615,000 Somalis, the vast majority women and children, have been displaced by the drought since November.

The United Nations has said roughly 20 million people are at risk of famine across Somalia, South Sudan, Nigeria and Yemen in the biggest humanitarian crisis since the world body was founded in 1945.

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JESSICA ALLEN ON FUNKY FASHIONS

Be it pristine or pre-faded, most of what we wear doesn't make a lot of sense.

On Monday night I wore my new favourite grey jogging pants — men's polo, on sale at Bay Days — complete with a grease stain from Sunday night's Little Caesars pizza. I looked fabulous.

On Monday night Rihanna wore a series of floral discs formed into a Rihanna-shaped billow of an ensemble. She looked pretty good, too.

My inspiration was: just me, being on-brand. The inspiration for the pop star's outfit lives in the mind of Rei Kawakubo, the Japanese designer being feted Monday at the annual Met Gala.

Kawakubo, founder of the label Comme des Garçons, has said her early collections were "inspired by the loose and rustic garb of Japanese fishermen and peasants," in a 2005 New Yorker profile. She sometimes adds a third armhole, or eliminates them entirely because why not? It's fashion. And fashion is art.

And just like a $58.4-million sculpture of a balloon dog by Jeff Koons, clothing is easy to mock.

Like the luxury department store that is selling men's jeans for $425 that come caked with fake mud, for example.

What's even more mockable is the faux rugged trend is so last year: Golden Goose was selling a pair of $585 sneakers last summer that were made to look worn in and dirty. Some were even bound with duct tape. Social media compared the Italian company's shoes to the "Derelicte" line from Zoolander, which was inspired by homeless people.

This February "Derelicte" became reality at New York Fashion Week when the Japanese brand N. Hoolywood sent men down the runway in layered looks inspired by actual homeless people who, because they are homeless, wear all their clothes at once.

I have a laugh whenever I see people sporting $200 designer jeans shredded within an inch of their life, mostly over what I imagine the conversation sounded like in creating them. It takes place in a converted upper floor of a European palazzo and a designer — let's call him Dean Nichölass — is telling his colleague, Jacobim 2.0, that the idea is ludicrous because who will pay money for a defective product, Jacobin 2.0? But Jacobin 2.0 asks Dean Nichölass to trust him because these jeans are wild and cool and so primitive.

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But millennials are fed up with old people like me making fun of their shredded pants. "If I had a nickel for every time a middle-aged man made a joke about my ripped jeans it wouldn't matter that baby boomers ruined the economy," author Katie Cotugno recently tweeted.

Come to think of it, finding a pair of sensible blue jeans without a hint of artificial patina isn't that easy. Same goes for men's dress shoes. The last time my partner Simon and I went shopping for his-and-hers double-strapped monk shoes, as couples are wont to do, most brands came pre-faded.

I want my patina to come about naturally.

But while distressing may speak to our deep confusion about "authenticity," the reaction against it may tell us something more.

Most people regard trends in dressing as having some rational basis — as if a $240 Hermes tie makes sense because you have to distress it yourself.

The fact that a woman in ripped jeans and a pair of high heels is more likely to be chastised for the "impracticality" of her pants than her footwear should give us pause.

Be it pristine or pulped, most of what we wear doesn't make a lot of sense.

Like the pair of $2,000 culottes, marked down to just $600 that I recently passed over. They reminded me of a Renaissance tapestry. But I couldn't justify spending good money on a pair of pants that made me look like Spanky from Little Rascals.

I wish I had. They were super on-brand.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

The housing market is heading out to sea. OK. But is there Wi-Fi?

Vicky Mochama
Metro | Toronto

The federal government will be issuing its National Housing Strategy soon and I hope there are plans for the boat people.

You see, outrageous house prices may be forcing people onto the water. At least, that's according to a report at Vancouver city council that blames the affordable housing crisis there for "more residents living on vessels, full-time."

You can't escape the signs of the housing crisis. I know more and more landlords and tenants are turning to Airbnb. I know more of my friends are moving to smaller, less expensive towns that require a commute to their city jobs. I know my parents have steadily been increasing the volume on their sales pitch, "Why Rent Downtown When You Can Live With Us In The Suburbs?"

But I confess I hadn't thought of taking to the seas as an option. It seems like an eccentric life choice that would not befit me, a person who will willingly go camping only if and when the zombies take over. However, with no relief in sight on rent and mortgages, it is worth considering now.

A major selling point: I could rightfully insist on being called Commodore.

And by all accounts, there's a thriving community on the water.

There are "grad students, tradespeople, office workers and at least one family raising young children," according to the National Post.

Vancouverites are not the first people to live on water. As a response to high-price housing, they're not even particularly innovative.

Many Londoners live in houseboats on the Thames. The Guardian reported in 2014 that there are officially 10,000 people living in residential boats. But the writer suggests there may be more, as most of the houseboats are ad-hoc and found by word of mouth.

For the joy of using a chemical toilet on the historic Thames, you can get a bunk for $640 Canadian.

You might inhale a bit of mould, but think of the savings. Increasingly, that's the risk of renting in major cities across Canada.

Before I found my current place that I can't really afford, I saw a lot of apartments. More than a few looked like the place where sadness goes to get sadder. One particularly egregious place looked ready-made for a kidnapper or a torturer. It cost half my salary.

I don't imagine our lakes and rivers will be full of economic migrants fleeing the land. Instead, as we're already seeing, more people will move further out of urban areas.

But for every couple of thousand people measuring their house in square meters, there will be a hardy few that measure theirs in nautical miles.

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Now we all scream for a little less ice cream

From top right: Instagram influencer Jennifer Broders waited an hour to try charcoal or "goth ice cream" at Little Damage in L.A.; rolled ice cream, a street-food from Thailand; ube ice cream made from yams; unicorn ice cream, complete with starry sprinkles; Japanese mochi ice cream (centre). INSTAGRAM: @ JENNIFERBRODERS; @ MONIAPONIAA, @AJ_DA_NINJA, @BREADBOOZEBACON, @ LAURENMICHELLEM

FOOD

Canada's love for treat cools but millennials may slow melt

Genna Buck
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Judging by the lines around the block for the latest sweet treats and the number of preposterously decadent creations showing up under #icecreamporn on Instagram, you would never guess the ice cream business is really feeling a chill.

Canadians eat about half as much ice cream as we did 20 years ago. In 1997, average consumption was 10.35 litres per person per year. In 2016, it was just 4.28 litres, according to Stats-Can figures cited by the Canadian Dairy Information Centre.

"Everyone still loves ice cream, but we're eating it less often," said Kathy Perrotta, vice president of marketing at the polling firm Ipsos Canada. She tracks Canadians' eating habits in granular detail.

"What's driving the decline is ice cream from a box or a carton," but individual treats like juice bars are still selling well, she said.

Perrotta said ice cream is transitioning away from being primarily a family dessert that's bought in bulk and stored in the freezer in anticipation of a daily after-dinner treat.

Instead, it's a snack — which means it's in competition with everything from potato chips to yogurt, cookies and fruit. And it's losing out to all of them.

The notion of dessert in general is on the decline, Perrotta added. Only 13 per cent of all dinners eaten in Canada, be they restaurant or home-cooked, include dessert. Ice cream sales have also taken a hit as concerns about children's sugar consumption have grown.

But that doesn't mean the ice cream business is heading into a deep freeze. Adults over 55 have continued the ice-cream-swilling habits of their youth. And 25 to 34-year-old urbanites are driving sales of single-serve cones and cups from ice cream parlours, Perrota said.

Millennials' have a propensity to blow their growing wealth on whatever food is "the in thing" — and that could include the new, Instagram-worthy ice cream flavours Perrotta said have the potential to "reinvigorate" the category. Sometimes, fads turn into long-term consumption habits, she added. But for now, ice cream is being "pigeonholed" as a special occasion food.

The scoop on five red-hot new frozen trends coming our way

1 Mochi ice cream
Mochi ice cream resembles a snow-white or pastel-hued pizza pocket. Except instead of pizza filling, it contains ice cream, surrounded not by crust, but mochi, the sweet, chew Japanese candy made of pounded sticky rice.

2 Ube ice cream
The Filipino community deserves huge props for introducing the rest of the world to the creamy/earthy/nutty amazingness that is ice cream made with ube (purple yam). Bonus: Its delightful colour is all-natural.

3 Thai rolled ice cream
This melt-in-your mouth treat is formed into sheets, then rolled into spiral shapes like a crunchy-creamy frozen jelly roll. Flavours range from green tea to Oreo, and the toppings are limited only by your imagination.

4 Unicorn ice cream
Why would you want to eat something that's just one colour, when you can eat ice cream that is all the colours? Uber-trendy "unicorn" ice cream can be made with food colouring, or with pureed fruit for a more natural touch. It's typically topped with whipped cream, mini-marshmallows, "disco dust," (edible glitter), star-shaped sprinkles and a healthy helping of millennial nostalgia.

5 Charcoal ice cream
The charcoal trend is catching fire across the food industry; showing up in everything from beverages to pizza crust. Urbanites across North America are lining up for hours for the chance to try this matte black confection. You may think "goth" ice cream is pretty hard-core, but Finns got there first: They've been eating salty, jet-black salmiakki (liquorice) ice cream forever.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

The real meaning behind mean Tweets

THE SHOW: #MoreThanMean (YouTube/Twitter/Facebook)
THE MOMENT: The swallowing

The camera cuts from Julie DiCaro, a sports broadcaster and columnist, to Sarah Spain, a sportswriter and radio/TV host. Each woman sits on a stool. On a stool opposite them, one by one, real guys read aloud — to their faces — real Tweets they've received. (The women are familiar with the Tweets. The men aren't.)

It starts simply enough: "Nagging wife," reads one. "Scrub muffin," reads another. Then the men get to this: "One of the players should beat you to death with their hockey stick like the whore you are."

The music drops out. As the men continue reading, the Tweets fill up with words like "b—" and "c—" and "hate-f—." The men begin apologizing. They swallow audibly. A producer in the background is heard urging, "Read them, they're just mean Tweets." By the time the men get to the final ones — "I hope you get raped again;" "I hope your boyfriend beats you" — they can't look the women in the eye.

This four-minute video recently won a 2017 Peabody Award for public service journalism. Its message is simple: Women in sports are harassed online just for doing their jobs. If you can't say something to someone's face, you shouldn't type it, either.

But its power lies in the clammy discomfort of the ordinary Joes reading the Tweets, as they struggle to absorb the volume of misogyny directed at women in sport — and indeed, women on line in general — as well as the casual entitlement with which it's delivered.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

Julie DiCaro listens to hateful Tweets about herself. CONTRIBUTED

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BROADWAY

Tony Awards joy for Come From Away

Come From Away received seven Tony nominations in all, including the prestigious best musical award. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The married co-creators of Come From Away were celebrating their six-year-journey from Gander, N.L., to the bright lights of Broadway on Tuesday as their uplifting, made-in-Canada theatrical production scored seven Tony Awards nominations, including a nod for best musical.

Come From Away is only the second Canadian-written show in the 71-year history of the Tonys to vie for best musical, following 2006's The Drowsy Chaperone, which won five awards.

"It's everything that we could have wished for and more, it's so incredible. And we're so proud to be telling this Canadian story and sharing with the world everything that we love about Canada and Newfoundland," said Regina-born, Saskatoon-raised co-creator David Hein from New York.

Come From Away is set in Gander in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks. The remote East Coast town saw its population double in size as it sheltered 6,579 passengers and crew from planes diverted when U.S. air space was closed.

The feel-good musical will compete against Dear Evan Hansen, Groundhog Day: The Musical, and Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812 for the prestigious best musical Tony.

Hein and his wife, Toronto-native Irene Sankoff, received two of the show's nominations, with nods for best book and best score of a musical.

"I did a sort of fist pump in the air. I was just so proud," said Sankoff. "I felt like I was at a sporting event and we scored the first goal. I'm not a sports person, but it felt like we were really in the game."

Jenn Colella, who plays real-life retired airline Capt. Beverley Bass, earned a Tony nomination in the best actress in a featured role in a musical category. Other Come From Away nominations included Christopher Ashley for best musical director, Howell Binkley for best lighting design in a musical, and Kelly Devine for best choreography in a musical.

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CHECKLIST | 2017 HONDA CR-V

THE BASICS

Engine: 1.5-litre turbo four-cylinder
Output: 190 horsepower, 179 pound-feet of torque
Transmission: Continuously-variable automatic
Fuel Economy (l/100 km): 8.7 city, 7.2 hwy
Price: Starts at $26,690

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- Smooth drive
- Roomy rear seats
- Generous cargo capacity

LEAVE IT

- Transmission clatter
- Rigid chassis

The Honda CR-V doesn't have to be sexy to sell

REVIEW

What you see is what you get with the best in class crossover

Dan Ilika
AutoGuide.com

HANDOUT

Like virtually every other version of the Honda CR-V since its introduction back in 1997, there's nothing sexy about the 2017 model. And like all its predecessors, that will do nothing to hinder sales. What you see is what you get with Honda's compact crossover, and this time around that's a well-rounded package, improved on all fronts.

The big news here is the turbocharged 1.5-litre that's made its way under the CR-V's hood. Borrowed from the Civic, it gives a good amount of power though fuel economy improves only marginally.

The turbo engine doesn't feel quite as perky as it could, instead offering rather placid performance, the continuously-variable transmission it's been paired with should shoulder much of the blame.

While a little rigid and truck-like, the fourth-generation CR-V offers a tremendously smooth ride aided by its new suspension. Its cabin is also impressively quiet, a product of the active noise cancellation system.

Joining the inclusion of noise cancellation is a list of standard and available features including a touchscreen infotainment system and the Honda Sensing safety suite, a well-rounded package of safety tech that puts the CR-V on the same playing field as many of the premium offerings on the market.

Enlarged this time around, the CR-V features even more room for cargo and rear seat passengers. Second-row legroom has jumped to an impressive 102.6 centimetres, while cargo volume has also grown, eclipsing the outgoing model's mark to hit 1,110 litres.

When it comes to pricing, a base LX version is a reasonable $26,690, though it only puts power to its front wheels. The CR-V Touring with the full kit, including all-wheel drive, has a sticker price of $38,090. But perhaps most impressive about that top-trim pricing is that it undercuts the Kia Sportage, while including desirable features like adaptive cruise control.

Add it all up and the 2017 Honda CR-V brings all the necessary ingredients that are sure to keep it chugging along atop the segment for years to come.

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Free agent QB Colin Kaepernick handed out suits outside a New York City parole office in hopes of helping parolees find employment

'I felt sick to my stomach'

OPINION

Dan Robertson
For Metro

Once again, hockey fans sit on pins and needles while hoping for the best for Sidney Crosby.

Like many others, I am a big fan of the Pittsburgh Penguins captain, so when Matt Niskanen's head shot crumpled Canada's beloved No. 87 in Game 3 of the Penguins-Washington Capitals series, I felt sick to my stomach. There's no need to rehash Crosby's concussion history; fans are well aware.

After watching the replay multiple times, I am again left with a nagging question that I've had for years: why are players allowed to cross-check?

Niskanen is not a dirty player. The play happened in a split second and I don't believe that he was head hunting. But his natural reaction when Crosby came toward him was to cross-check. That's because at all levels of hockey, D-liners are permitted to cross-check.

The next time you watch a game, watch the defencemen using their stick to cross-check opposing forwards in the back. Why is that allowed? I'm not blaming referees for not calling penalties in those situations in the NHL because it's been accepted forever.

If the NHL wants to cut down on stick work, they need to make officials enforce the rules. Any cross-check, regardless of the force, needs to be called a penalty whether it's the playoffs or not.

That would encourage defencemen to 'push' opposing forwards without using the stick for leverage. Yes, it would fundamentally change the way defenceman play their position, especially around the net. It would take some time for them to adjust and would likely result in more power plays and in forwards getting more prime chances in close. Maybe that would result in more goals, which the NHL could desperately use but that's beside the point. Player safety needs to come first.

The bottom line is that this has to stop. In Game 5 of the Montreal Canadiens-New York Rangers series, Brendan Smith cross-checked Habs forward Andrew Shaw in the jaw. He was not penalized; Shaw suffered the second concussion of the season and could not play in Game 6, Montreal's final game of the season.

Smith's cross-check appeared to be blatant and Shaw didn't go down. Maybe if he had, Smith would've been penalized. Maybe Smith wasn't penalized or fined because Shaw isn't a star like Crosby. It doesn't matter. Regardless of the circumstances, the NHL has to get serious about head shots and stick work. Whether or not Niskanen meant to hit Crosby in the head is irrelevant. The damage has been done and it will keep happening until changes are made.

WHAT NEXT?

- Crosby will miss Game 4 on Wednesday. There is no timetable for his return.
- The league decided against holding a hearing to determine whether the hit should be subject to review.

Pittsburgh Penguins star Sidney Crosby takes a hit from the Washington Capitals' Matt Niskanen during the first period of Game 3 in their NHL Eastern Conference semifinal series in Pittsburgh on Monday night. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAKE IT TONIGHT

Light Lemon Linguini

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Lighten up a pasta dinner with this creamy yet bright citrus dish. Works as a main course or, with a smaller portion, as satisfying side.

Ready in 25 minutes
Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes
Serves: 4

Ingredients
- 1 500-gram package of linguini or spaghetti
- 3 lemons juiced (1 zested)
- 6 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- handful of basil, washed and sliced into strips
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Cook pasta according to package instructions.

2. Scoop out about a cup of the water before draining.

3. While pasta is cooking mix lemon juice, zest, oil, Parmesan in a bowl.

4. Place drained pasta back into pot. Pour the sauce over the pasta and toss well until the cheese melts and each strand of pasta is well coated.

5. You can add a bit of cooking water if you need to loosen up your sauce. Add in the basil and toss again. Serve with a sprinkle of Parmesan

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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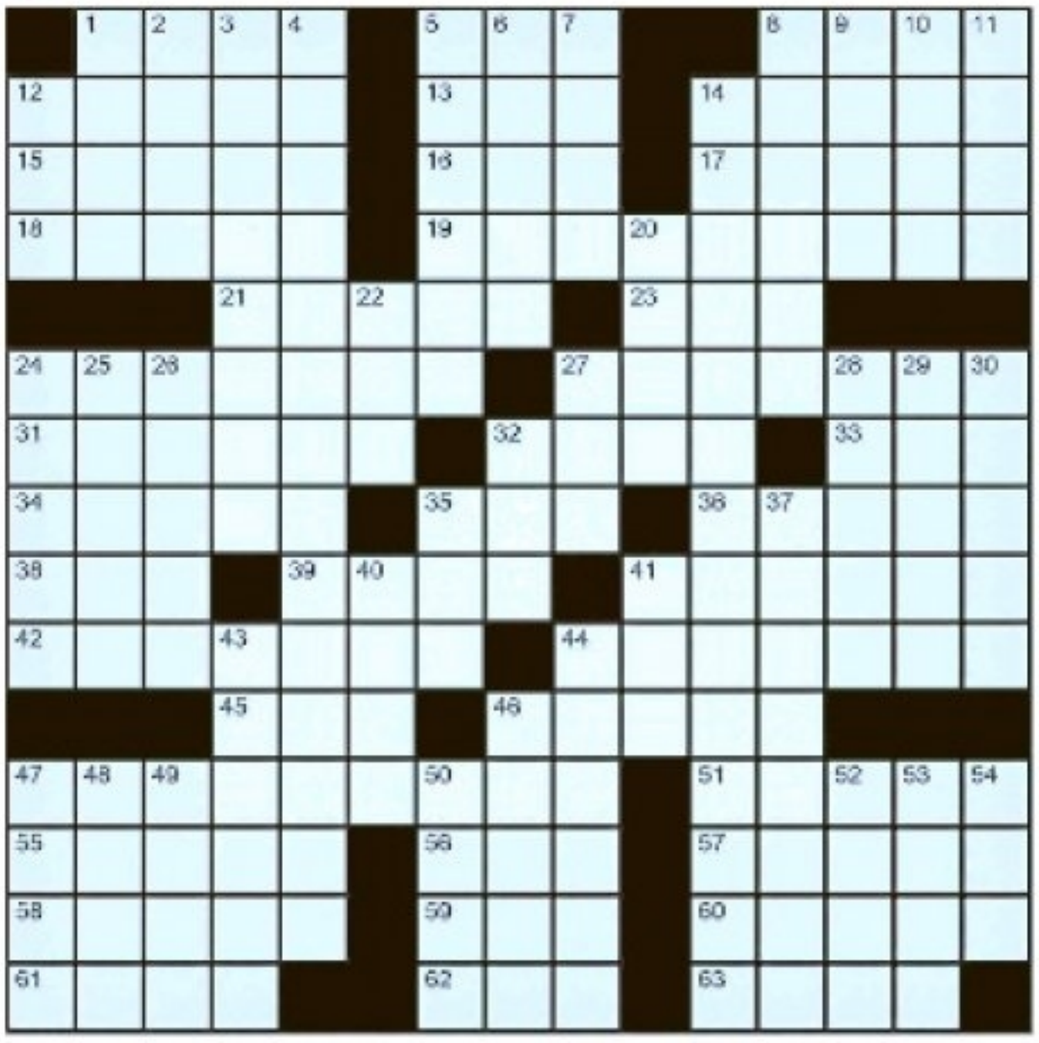

ACROSS
1. Train-catching frequency, __ day
5. Getaway
8. Stubby pencils
12. Swiss currency
13. _-de-France
14. Waiting for _ (Samuel Beckett play)
15. "True Blood" star Stephen
16. Mr. Bellamy
17. Irish rebel Rory
18. "Thong Song" singer
19. As it doesn't orbit our Sun, #37-Down is known as a what?
21. Crate warning, '__ Hooks'
23. Ms. Lupino
24. Some sentences
27. Scale the ladder: 2 wds.
31. Chest 'beaters'
32. Opinion _
33. Time off, slang-style
34. Sch. subject
35. Mr. Hanks
36. Eye-related prefix
38. Lay backyard turf
39. Ms. Falco
41. 'A Heath.' is where it takes place in Macbeth: wd. + Roman Numeral
42. Sees to it
44. Like one's gut during stressful times: 2 wds.
45. 'Beat' suffix
46. Encourage/elevate
47. Has reached the destination as a parcel
51. The Congo's former name
55. De-pencil the paper
56. Will Smith title role
57. _ space
58. Not major
59. Hr. bit
60. Rock '_' _
61. Mr. Connery
62. Observe
63. One, in Hamburg

DOWN
1. "Star Trek: The Next Generation" counselor Deanna
2. Manners
3. Thirty-two ounces equivalent: 2 wds.
4. Where Levis is situated in relation to Quebec City: 3 wds.
5. Classic fabrics
6. "Hawaii Five-O" star, __'Loughlin
7. Beatles: "Love __"
8. Respectfully negative response to the lady: 2 wds.
9. Japanese cuisine noodle
10. Drill hole
11. Proofreading term
12. Radio stations, e.g.
14. The newly-discovered world at #37-Down is located within this 'habitable' area of the red dwarf star that it orbits: 2 wds.
20. Medicine tablet
22. poet mr. cummings, et al.
24. Stage
25. Wading bird
26. Airborne attacks
27. URL ending
28. Canadian actor Mr. Gerussi
29. Still not rented
30. Manitoba and New Brunswick, e.g.
32. Edgar Allan Who?
35. Olde-style word
37. As per #14-Down and #19-Across, it's approximately four light years away from Earth, Proxima __ b
40. Dog's playful move
41. _-Caps (Candy brand)
43. Celine Dion song
44. Wounds solution
46. Negate
47. GOP rivals
48. Great Lake
49. Ms. Turner
50. NFL team
52. "Turn __!" (Let's watch TV)
53. Fam. members
54. Schubert's The __-King

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You are in a generous mood. This is why you will be giving toward others and yourself. You might buy something luxurious!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Your feelings with others are gentle and cooperative today. This largely is because you are very tuned-in and sensitive to the needs of others.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Mysticism and esoteric teachings might appeal to you today. Your activities will involve things that are going on behind the scenes.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you can help a friend in need today, you will be glad to do so. It's possible that you also will be helped by a friend, because this can work both ways.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone in a position of authority might help you today. This is why you view this person as generous and compassionate.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Because your appreciation of beauty is heightened today, you will enjoy beautiful places and the arts and crafts of other cultures. Give yourself a chance to do this.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You feel sympathetic toward someone less fortunate today, which is why you will do whatever you can to help. This is a good thing. Never miss an opportunity to practice kindness.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a good day to mend broken fences or to reach out to someone if things have been stressful. People feel warm and sympathetic toward each other.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will find that working with coworkers will be a positive experience today, because all parties will want to get along. For some reason, people want to go that extra step to help each other.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Artists and anyone involved in artistic projects will be productive today, because they are in touch with their creative energy.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a good day for a warmhearted family discussion, because people feel sympathetic toward each other. Everyone will want to pitch in and help someone who needs it.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a good day for a warmhearted family discussion, because people feel sympathetic toward each other. Everyone will want to pitch in and help someone who needs it.

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